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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/48/632/Add.3)]

48/148. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming once more the permanent validity of the principles and standards set forth in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 3/ the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 4/ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 5/

Bearing in mind the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organisation and the importance of the work done in connection with migrant workers and members of their families in other specialized agencies and in various organs of the United Nations,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

4/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

5/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

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Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles and standards, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and to ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and members of their families,

Aware of the situation of migrant workers and members of their families and the marked increase in migratory movements that has occurred, especially in certain parts of the world,

Considering that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 6/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, urged all States to guarantee the protection of the human rights of all migrant workers and members of their families,

Underlining the importance of the creation of conditions to foster greater harmony and tolerance between migrant workers and the rest of the society of the State in which they reside,

Recalling its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,

Bearing in mind that in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action States are invited to consider the possibility of signing and ratifying the Convention at the earliest possible time,

Recalling that, in its resolution 47/110 of 16 December 1992, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the status of the Convention,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; 7/

2. Welcomes the signature, ratification or accession by some Member States to the Convention;

3. Calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expresses the hope that it will enter into force at an early date;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all facilities and assistance necessary for the promotion of the Convention, through the World

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6/ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

7/ A/48/471.

Public Information Campaign on Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights;

5. Invites the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on and promoting understanding of the Convention;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report on the status of the Convention;

7. Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-ninth session under the sub-item entitled "Implementation of human rights instruments".

85th plenary meeting
20 December 1993